# 2011 Integrated Energy Policy Report Staff Workshop

**Electric Transmission Data Requests** 

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# Today's Agenda

- Staff Presentation Mark Hesters
- Discussion All Interested Parties
- Next Steps



# Draft Staff Forms & Instructions for Submitting Electric Transmission-related Data

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### Changes From 2009 IEPR

- Independent transmission project developers have the opportunity to file information on their projects
- The "Bulk Electric System Description and Needs" questions are now organized by timeframe (existing transmission, planned upgrades [2011-2020], short term construction/maintenance, and potential upgrades after 2020)
- Added request for detailed information on specific types of benefits that a transmission project may provide.
- Recognize the on-going development of the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) for the Mojave and Colorado deserts.

#### Who Must File

- Electric Transmission System Owners
- Agencies such as the Transmission
   Agency of Northern California may file on behalf of their members



### What to File

- Most recent transmission expansion plan.
- Description of bulk transmission network
  - > Limits on imports
  - > Limits on moving bulk power within the service area
  - > Transmission required for state energy goals, to meet renewable energy targets, replacement of aging power plants, or reduce local capacity needs.
- Potential corridor needs



### What to File

- Details for transmission projects and alternatives planned for operation by 2020
  - Provide status update/major issues for projects in permitting, e.g. DPV2 and other projects recommended in prior Strategic Transmission Investment Plans
- General description for upgrades planned for operation after 2020.
- Rely on published information.



## **Limits on Imports**

- General description
- Plans to upgrade import capability through 2020.
- Maintenance affecting imports through 2013.



# Limits on Bulk Transmission within Network

- General description
- Plans to upgrade bulk limits through 2020.
- Maintenance affecting bulk transmission within network through 2013.



### Transmission for State Policy Goals

- Renewable energy targets
- Retirement of aging power plants
- Compliance with proposed State Water Resources Control Board once-through cooling policies
- Eliminating or reducing local capacity requirements



#### **Potential Corridor Needs**

- For point-to-point transmission needs
  - > Opportunities to link with federal corridors
  - > Opportunities to provide transmission to aid RPS goals
    - > Opportunities to export renewable-based generation outside of California
  - > Opportunities to import economical outof-state electricity
  - > Opportunities to improve reliability and/or reduce congestion
  - > Opportunities to upgrade existing lines

### Potential Corridor Needs (continued)

- For point-to-point transmission needs
  - > Opportunities to meet future load growth
  - Potential for impacting sensitive lands that are inappropriate for energy corridors
  - Consideration of Garamendi Principles
  - Description of any work with local agencies
  - > Other major issues



### Other Corridor Questions

- If no plans to propose a corridor, please identify the circumstances or planning timeframes where you would opt to obtain corridor designation prior to building a line.
- If you would not use the Energy Commission's corridor designation process, please explain why not.



# Discussion – All Interested Parties



### **Next Steps**

- December 14, 2010 Due date for written comments on today's workshop
- January 3, 2011 Post the staff final transmission forms and instructions
- January 12, 2011 Commission business meeting vote on staff final transmission forms and instructions
- By January 14, 2011 Post the Commission adopted transmission forms and instructions
- March 18, 2011 Data responses due
- April 13, 2011 Joint IEPR/Transmission Committee
  Workshop on forms and instructions responses, plus other
  topics TBD